# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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CALORIE INTAKE BY RURAL POPULATION
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether large rural population in several States of the country are taking food lesser 1800 calorie, which is the bare minimum specified by FAO for sustaining life;

(b) if so, the details of such States; and

(c) the measures taken by the Union Government to ensure that rural population in country are not malnourished?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) & (b) State-wise percentage of persons taking food less than 1800 kcal. is given in the Annexure-I.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing the wage employment programmes of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and National Food For Work Programme in rural areas to provide additional wage employment and also food security, which in turn reduce the malnutrition of BPL family members.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 967 due for answer on 29.7.2005

Percentage of Persons taking less than 1800 kcal. In Rural Areas for major States during 1999-2000

| Sl. No. | States | % age of persons |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 31.4 |
| 2 | Assam | 44.9 |
| 3 | Bihar | 16.3 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 24.9 |
| 5 | Haryana | 10.2 |
| 6 | Karnataka | 35.3 |
| 7 | Kerala | 34.0 |
| 8 | Madhya Pradesh | 33.8 |
| 9 | Maharashtra | 29.0 |
| 10 | Orissa | 26.4 |
| 11 | Punjab | 12.7 |
| 12 | Rajasthan | 6.9 |
| 13 | Tamil Nadu | 47.2 |
| 14 | Uttar Pradesh | 9.5 |
| 15 | West Bengal | 19.8 |

Source: NSS Report No. 471(55/1.0/9)-55th Round Nutritional Intake in India, 1999-2000 (July 1999-June 2000)